

February 9, 2009

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Waters; Supt. Givens; Richard Honebrink – Johnson Controls, Inc.; Dave and Judy Whitten; Larry Bogan; Larry Williams; Jerry Walden; Amy Moore – Mount Vernon Democrat; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Board member Askren.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented. Board member Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Water Chairman.

Chairman Curtis stated he will let Supt. Gray deliver the report this evening.

Supt. Gray stated he has given the Board copies of his year end report, and he will hit on some of the highlights, as follows:

DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS

Since the standards for DBP's (TTHM & HAA5) were reduced a few years ago, the city has been struggling to get below the Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL). The DBP's in question are formed by the reaction of Chlorine with Natural Organic Matter in the raw water. WE began a program this year to replace Chlorine as our pre-oxidant in front of the filters. In February, we started the addition of Copper Sulfate into the raw water and saw a slight increase in the removal of Total Organic Carbon which is used as an indicator for potential DBP formation. We switched to Potassium Permanganate in August and saw our TOC removal jump to 48%. We began adding powdered activated charcoal in November to further reduce precursors. We saw our numbers on TTHM's rise to .174 parts per million in August but by December we had them back down to .088 ppm. At the time of this report, we have achieved 63% removal of TOC's.

We began the addition of Re-Ox this year and got promising results within the first week of application. Our DBP's dropped an amazing 68% in the first quarter, but later in the year as temperatures rose, TTHM numbers returned to previous levels. T that point we discontinued use of the Re-Ox and switched pre-oxidants.

Supt. Gray continued his report the department conducted two full round of hydrant flushing in 2008, as well as stripping and painting every fire plug. He then stated the temporary intakes were installed on the riverfront and both lamellas were shut down and drained this year. He added all debris in the tanks was then removed by the Van-Con truck. He continued by stating the high service pumps have been kept in relatively good repair the past year, normal wear and tear only. He then stated they have had some "gremlins" in the control room, as they keep getting phantom signals from Farmersville Tower but the electronics were cannibalized from that unit in 1999.

Supt. Gray stated the tridents are progressing nicely and there are no leaks thus far, and they will be adding sand tomorrow and again checking for leaks as they go.

Board member Askren arrived at the meeting.

Supt. Gray then stated the Mulberry Tower was not addressed in 2008, hopefully they will be able to work on it in 2009. As for the distribution system, the jail line was tied into Smith Road, a project that had been discussed for some time. He then stated he projects a busy 2009, with issues already popping up at the lower end of E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

He then asked if there were any questions ?

Board member Higgins asked if the extreme difference in temperatures of late has been causing any leaks around town ?

Supt. Gray replied not from this last round, no, it has not been bad so far, mainly just snow melt.

Board member Higgins stated again, with the temperature extremes, she was just wondering.

Supt. Gray reported on the Keck Booster Station stating the line stops will be installed on the 28<sup>th</sup>. He added these will interrupt the flow long enough for PPMI to install functional valves before and after the new station. The booster station will be tied in tomorrow and residents in Park Ridge and Country Club should not notice any disruption in service or pressure at all – the work should be complete in four hours.

Board member Fuelling questioned the E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street work, would that take care of the dirt in the water ?

Supt. Gray replied that is a very old line and when the pH drops, the water becomes corrosive and eats at the old pipes, so, it is actually rust they are seeing, not dirt. He added hopefully they will be able to do the work when the weather breaks – they will be tying into a 16" line on Mulberry Street.

Mayor Tucker asked if Mr. Honebrink had a report ?

Mr. Honebrink stated Supt. Gray did a good job updating them already, so he won't take long. He added the filters are being checked out and training will accompany the installation. He stated Supt. Gray updated them on the Keck Booster Station. He added he would like to thank Supt. Gray and the Utility Board for their work on securing the property for the north booster station. Hopefully that will be complete in the next few months, with working starting in the next week or so. He then stated he needs to secure a signed copy of the Change Order they approved at the last meeting.

Attorney Higgins stated the Change Order was approved and the Board now needs to authorize someone to sign.

Board member Hoehn moved Mayor Tucker be authorized to sign. Seconded by Board member Curtis. Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked about the Financial Report.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe stated they have the Financial Statement for 2008, but she has not seen January 2009 yet.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?  
Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals ?  
Attorney Higgins replied Umbaugh may be at the next meeting concerning a review of rates Re: JCI and upcoming sewer projects.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?  
There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?  
There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?  
There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.  
Board member Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Curtis.  
Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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John Tucker  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cristi L. Wolfe  
Clerk-Treasurer

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Waters; Supt. Givens; Dave and Judy Whitten; Larry Bogan; Larry Williams; Jerry Walden; Amy Moore – Mount Vernon Democrat; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Board member Askren.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.  
Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?  
There was none.

Mayor Tucker then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairwoman Hoehn stated Comm. Maynard has done an excellent job in the recent weather and she has heard nothing but positive feedback – again, outstanding job.

Councilman Fuelling agreed.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairwoman Askren stated she has no report.

Chief Beloit approached and gave the Council the following synopsis of his year end report:

1. 1. Drug Issues – possession arrests were up 35%, and dealing was up 33%, though there were no working labs found
2. 2. Traffic Enforcement – DWI arrests were down some from their five year high in 2006
3. 3. Complaints – there has been an increase in complaints and case reports, which entails an increase in property crimes like theft and battery (domestic violence) which are both directly related to the declining economy
4. 4. Juvenile Arrests – 2007 these were at a five year high – they are now down around 57%
5. 5. Training – the department needs to increase their in-service training hours. 16 used to be required, that has been increased to 24, State Mandated
6. 6. Accidents – up slightly in 2008, due mainly to the Mill Creek project on Main Street. Incidentally, the month with the highest incident of accidents is December, always

Chief Beloit then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairman Fuelling stated the fire department made 34 runs in the last two weeks, and 2008 marked the 128<sup>th</sup> year the Mt. Vernon Fire Department has been in service.

Chief Waters reported in 2008 the department made 678 runs and they had 952 hours of training. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairwoman Higgins she has no report.

Supt. Givens highlighted his year end report, by stating the following:

The Mt. Vernon WWTP began working with the City's new engineering firm of Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates, Inc. in January. We have made

progress concerning the Long Term Control Plan.

In the end of November of this year Superintendent Givens accompanied Doug Ralston, from Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates, Inc. to Lexington, KY to tour the area Sewage Treatment Facilities.

Truck #27 which is a service vehicle had to be towed to Expressway Jeep in Mt. Vernon on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. It has been decided that it is too costly to repair the truck so we received an okay from the Board of Works to purchase a new one after accepting quotes from local dealerships.

We applied to have our sludge permit renewed, the permit was prepared by Resource Conversation Services.

All State reports were filed on time with no violations being cited.

Superintendent Givens attended Indiana Association of Cities & Towns in Indianapolis, IN for a week in October 2008.

Superintendent Givens and Brandon Epison attended the IWEA Conference in Indianapolis, IN from November 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, they both earned CEU credits.

RCS removed sludge once this year on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 27 loads were hauled off. The sludge removed from the plant is land applied to various local fields.

The Camera Truck was used 27 times this year and we are extremely pleased with the results we are getting with this new technology.

We continued our preventive maintenance program of bi-monthly sewer line flushes for troubled lines. In 2007 the list included 14 lines and that we have increased that number to 17 lines in 2008. By flushing these lines on a bi-monthly basis, we are trying to alleviate trouble before it happens.

Supt. Givens then continued his report by stating there are two digesters at the plant, each 20 feet deep. In 1991 the diffusers were installed and they are now having some problems with them. He stated a company came out and pulled them out and 80 new diffusers were needed. He added everything is put back together now and working, but they all need replaced. He stated he does not believe the total cost will be over \$25,000 – the parts should be between \$15,000 and \$17,000. He added he wants a guarantee in writing that this will fix the problem. He then stated the rep will be back down tomorrow. He asked what if he can't get anything in writing ?

Councilman Fuelling replied he needs to work on getting that documentation.

Supt. Givens stated he would like to be back up and running in two weeks. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they have the Financial Report for January before them.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ? Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for Legals.

Attorney Higgins stated the first item of business is the Council's appointment to the County EDC. She stated Michelle Hudson currently serves, it is a one year term.

Councilwoman Hoehn asked if anyone has contacted Ms. Hudson to see if she is interested in serving again ?

Attorney Higgins stated she has not.

Councilwoman Hoehn moved they reappoint Michelle Hudson, subject to her acceptance, as she has done a good job. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is adoption of a Resolution, presented by Larry Robb at their last meeting, on the Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan. She added she was just presented with the Resolution, and it will need to be put into the City's format, but is able to be passed this evening.

Councilwoman Hoehn stated she is concerned about the city's liability if they approve the Resolution, though she has read through it, she still feels it is very vague in the city's responsibilities.

Attorney Higgins replied it is a very generalized plan, it merely puts forth suggestions.

Councilwoman Hoehn asked if it, in any way, holds the city liable ?

Attorney Higgins replied no, just gives the city things to consider.

Councilwoman Hoehn stated she feels it will be beneficial to Mt. Vernon in getting any kind of federal grants, and therefore, moved it be approved. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe added it will be numbered 09-03, passed at 7:45 pm.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1<sup>st</sup> District Councilwoman Askren stated she has no report.

2<sup>nd</sup> District Councilman Fuelling stated there are a lot of huge old trees in and around his district, and the Street Department did a great job in getting the streets opened back up after the ice brought many of them down.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Councilwoman Hoehn stated she totally agrees with Councilman Fuelling, the Street Department did a great job.

4<sup>th</sup> District Councilman Curtis stated he wants to echo Councilman Fuelling and Councilwoman Hoehn.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated she wants to echo them as well. She added they also did a great job on the snow removal itself.

Mayor Tucker stated they need to start looking into some annexation issues they have around the city – getting the boundaries squared off and taking care of some discrepancies where part of a building is in the city limits and the other part isn't, etc.

Council consented to move forward on this issue.

Attorney Higgins added she will pursue the areas in question and the Council also needs to be thinking what they wish to do about GAF and Countrymark, who for the past four years, have paid the city a lump sum payment in lieu of annexation. She added that agreement is up this year. Something needs to be decided before the end of this year.

Council consented to allow Attorney Higgins to enter into a dialog with GAF and Countrymark about their current agreement.

Mayor Tucker stated if there were no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

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